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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

David HUNG

Serial No. 09/912,499

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For: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR  
DIAGNOSIS OF PRECANCER  
AND CANCER IN BREAST MILK  
DUCTS

) Examiner: Kevin C. Simons

) Group Art Unit: 3763

) Confirmation No.: 6261

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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REMARKS

The Final Office Action of July 14, 2003 has been received and considered. Applicant thanks the examiner for indicating that the subject matter of claims 7, 8 and 11 is allowable if rewritten in independent form. No claim amendments have been made. Claims 1-13, 26, and 27 remain pending. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 3-5, 9, 10, 12, 13, 26 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being unpatentable with respect to U.S. Pat. No. 4,616,656 to Nicholson et al.